



## **2017 Annual Report**





Dear Friends,

No doubt about it, 2017 was an exciting year for the 1776 Foundation. After nearly 18 months of planning and preparation, we brought several new programs online and became truly operational for the first time since our inception.

- Our Gadsden Flag license plate went on sale in all 56 counties across Montana and quickly become one of the best selling new specialty license plates of 2017.
- We produced several episodes of our Liberty Lessons radio program that were broadcast online and on radio stations throughout Montana.
- Beginning in the 3rd Quarter our Grants Program distributed thousands of dollars to more than a half-dozen worthwhile organizations.
- Our Montana Constitution Project distributed over 1,700 free copies of the Montana Constitution to parents, educators, elected officials and interested citizens all over Montana.

With this great foundation to build on we are looking forward to even more opportunities in 2018. We want to say a special thank you to all of those that help support the great work of the Foundation during 2017.

Sincerely,  
The 1776 Foundation Board of Directors

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# ABOUT

the 1776 Foundation



**Scott Aspenlieder**

Based in Billings, Montana the 1776 Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, that seeks to improve government and politics by working to inform and equip the people of Montana to better evaluate policy options that uphold traditional American values, historic civil liberties, the Montana Constitution and the Constitution of the United States of America.



**Jake Eaton**

Founded in 2015, the 1776 Foundation works to accomplish our mission through a variety of programing and by supporting other like-minded organizations in Montana.

## **Board of Directors**

Mr. Scott Aspenlieder

Mr. Jake Eaton

Mr. Tyler Schott



**Tyler Schott**





## PROGRAMS



Gadsden Flag License Plate



Liberty Lessons



Free Constitution Project



Grant Program



# 1776 Foundation Gadsden Flag LICENSE PLATE




Since January 2017, Montana residents have been able to purchase their very own 1776 Foundation Gadsden Flag license plate when they register a Montana vehicle.

An iconic symbol of the American Revolution, the Gadsden Flag was named for Christopher Gadsden who created it during the American Revolution. Today it has come to symbolize support for liberty and the rugged, independent American spirit. Now you can display this iconic symbol on your Montana vehicle and support the great work of the 1776 Foundation.

During 2017, the plate was one of the best selling new specialty license plates and is now a regular site on cars, trucks, trailers and campers on Montana's highways and byways.





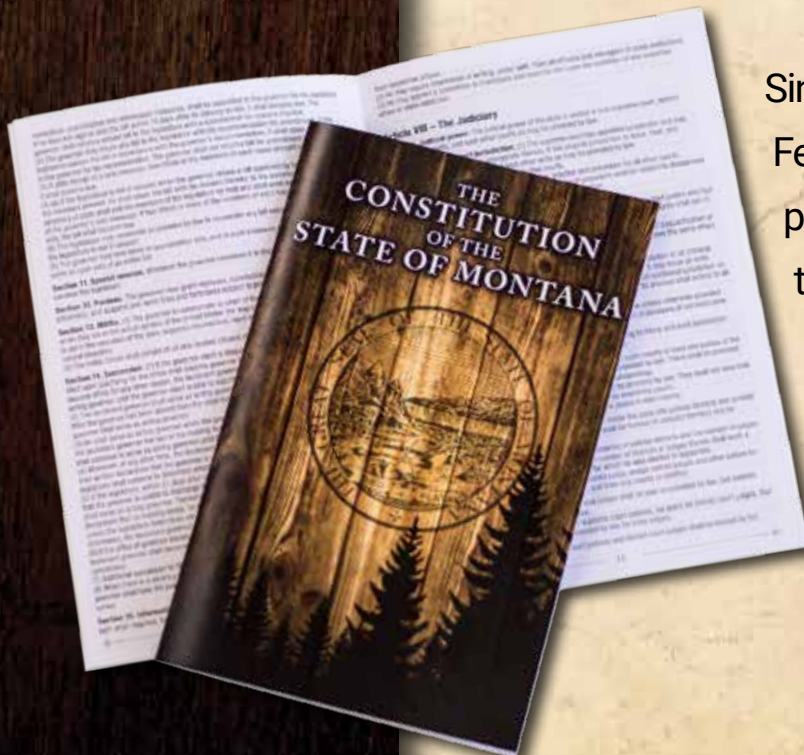
# Free Constitution PROJECT

A firm understanding of our Montana Constitution is a foundation each and every Montanan should be equipped with, especially during their formative years.

Unfortunately, most of our public schools do not offer such coursework.

The 1776 Foundation Constitution Project seeks to fill this void by providing free copies of the Montana Constitution for educators, parents and the public.

Since coming online in February 2017, this project has produced and distributed more than 1,700 free copies of the Montana Constitution to parents, educators, elected officials and interested citizens all over Montana.







# LIBERTY LESSONS

The 1776 Foundation's Liberty Lessons are a series of educational radio and video messages designed to give you a deeper understanding of the meaning and history of the Montana and U.S. Constitutions. Each episode is delivered by exciting Montana political, business and community leaders.

During 2017, we produced several episodes focused on: The Electoral College, Separation of Powers and Democracy that were broadcast online and on radio stations throughout Montana.







# GRANTS



**Helping out our neighbors and giving back to the community is part of the Montana way of life.**

The 1776 Foundation is proud to support like-minded organizations with funding for programs that are in line with our mission.

Beginning in the 3rd Quarter, our Grants Program distributed \$3,500 to more than a half-dozen worthwhile organizations.





# FINANCIALS

## Revenue

Contributions	\$ 130.53
License Plate Sales	\$ 23,850.00
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Total Revenue	\$ 23,980.53

## Program Costs

Grants Program	\$ 3,500.00
Liberty Lessons Program	\$ 4,000.00
License Plate Program	\$ 3,658.75
Free Constitution Program	\$ 5,888.10
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Total Program Cost	\$ 17,046.85

## Administrative Costs

Advertising	\$ 295.00
Accounting	\$ 215.67
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 519.30
Misc. Expenses	\$ 169.50
Website Hosting & Maintenance	\$ 532.50
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Total Administrative Cost	\$ 1,731.97
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,201.71</b>





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